

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING
OF
DREWSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL
Drewsteignton Village Hall
On
Monday 16 April 2012 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Savage (Chairman), Gosnay (Vice Chairman), Hardie, Hester, Dyke, Mudge, and the Clerk
Apologies: Cllrs Walker, Power and Ridgers
In attendance: 2 members of the public

039/12 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Unanimous approval of the minutes of the ordinary meeting of 19 March 2012.

040/12 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Chairman reminded the Cllrs present of the need to declare any personal or prejudicial interests in respect of any items included on the Agenda. Cllrs Hester and Hardie declared personal interests as they are both neighbours of the Post Inn. Cllr Savage declared a personal interest re the planning application at Clifford House, Crockernwell as he is a friend of the applicant.

041/12 MATTERS ARISING

Did Sanctuary Housing follow the correct **Section 106** procedures when giving tenancies to the new residents at **Turnpike Close?** (Section 106 prioritises tenants already living in the Parish) Clerk to contact Sanctuary Housing.

Fly tipping, a reply was received from WDBC saying they could only find soil spread along the verges. Then Steve Dawe (Highways) replied to the Chairman's email saying he allowed uncontaminated soil to be spread on verges to repair verges and reduce costs of disposal. The Parish Council expect these deposits to be only soil, and will monitor the situation. Clerk to reply to Steve Dawe, and concerned parishioners.

The agreed wording for the **honesty boxes** has been sent to 2 different contacts at DNPA but the project has not progressed. Cllr Gosnay to chase. The procedure for emptying the boxes was agreed, the Clerk and any one councillor will empty the boxes to coincide with the meetings held at Drewsteignton.

042/12 PLANNING:

Decisions received;

DNPA 0475/11 - 2 Great Tree Bungalow – approved.

DNPA 0052/12 - Trundle, Furlong – refused

DNPA 0114/12 - Church Cottage, Drewsteignton - approved

Post Inn; The turbines have been removed! And DNPA have been informed.

Solar array at Narraway Farm, Whiddon Down. Keith Palmer of WDBC has now visited the site and wrote; [I formed the opinion that the array could be assimilated into its surroundings by the judicious planting of a \[2m high\] hedgerow in front of the \(exposed\) panels closest to the "Service Area", thereby allowing it to be considered favorably in line with planning policy. Whilst on site I took a series of photographs and with them, discussed the development with Mr. Dulling a planning officer for the north of the Borough. I have to say that the planning officer was of a similar opinion. Therefore, should an application not be submitted for determination, having endeavored to negotiate with the landowner the planting of a hedgerow. Enforcement Notice proceedings would be considered as a method of ensuring that the array is assimilated into its surroundings. If it cannot be assimilated, we will in all probability require its removal.](#)

The councillors want to know if WDBC policy allows solar arrays on agricultural land, and if applications with objections can be decided by just one planning officer. Clerk to inform DNPA, and Cllr Ridgers to respond to WDBC.

DNPA 0185/12 Extension and alterations to provide accommodation over existing garage at Clifford House, Crockernwell. A site visit on 14 April helped councillors to reach a unanimous **Neutral View**.

DNPA 0191/12 Creation of a menage at Moorend, Crockernwell. A site visit on 14 April helped councillors reach a unanimous **Neutral View**. Concerns were raised that the plans do not show the **finished level** of the menage and how the spoil will be disposed of or used on site.

Clerk to respond to planning authority.

043/12 HIGHWAYS;

Post Office parking lines; Tony Thomas sent a message saying he has made some progress with funding sources.

Turnpike Road closure; a message from Highways legal team has asked where the Traffic Order notice should be displayed and published. Councillors agreed this should be Okehampton Times and Okehampton Library. Clerk to respond. The council also resolved to write a letter of support once the Traffic Order is published. Action Clerk. The Department of Transport have recently allowed local councils to re-classify roads for mapping purposes, both paper and digital. Once the project is completed this can be done.

Turnpike Close parking on verge, The bollards installed by Sanctuary Housing late in March have been removed and thrown into the hedge or re-sited elsewhere in the village. Clerk to contact Sanctuary to ask for

alternative action.

Whiddon Down service area roadway; complaints have been received from parishioners regarding the poor state of the road surface at the entrance to the services. Traffic swerving to avoid the potholes presents a danger to pedestrians. Also lighting bollards have loose wires exposed. The landowner needs to be contacted to highlight these safety issues, also WDBC. Action Clerk.

The Parish lengthsmen will be visiting shortly and Cllr Savage will tour the Parish with Steve Dawe from Highways to highlight problems. Any road faults should be addressed to Steve Dawe at Highways for onward transfer, a 6 figure map reference will speed up the process. All road junctions in the parish will be repainted.

Road repairs needed;

Turnpike Road near Turnpike Close, Hooperton Cross stumps, Drain cover on A382 by Southcott, Whiddon Down. Ford Hill, north of Puddicombe. **Clerk to contact Highways.**

044/12 FINANCE;

a) Payments to be made in April 2012.

Cllr Mudge proposed and Cllr Gosnay seconded the following payments to be made;

Ms B Snook – Salary & expenses - £412.23

Drewe Arms – Hedgelaying Volunteers' Subsistence - £68.60 paid 3 April 2012

Mr M Rowe – Drewsteignton Public Conveniences - £73.50

Parish Mag Printers - £53.00

Whiddon Down Village Hall - £18.00 (to complete accounting year for VH treasurer)

South West Water – trough - £8.34

DALC – membership - £160.31

Zurich Insurance - £349.82 (committed to 3 year plan to help budgeting)

Whiddon Down Methodist Chapel – Burial Grant - £65

Holy Trinity Church, Drewsteignton – Burial Grant - £305

Drewsteignton Gardeners Club – Grant for up keep of public gardens - £200

Councillors also agreed that due to the forthcoming hike in postal prices an investment in stamps to the amount of £100 would be prudent.

b) Income

WDBC Precept received £ 6595.69

c) End of Year

End of Year bank reconciliation signed by Chairman & Clerk

VAT reclaim £1255.79. Prepared by Clerk ready to post.

045/12 General correspondence

Late letters;

Planning application DNPA 0201/12, retrospective application for horse training area at West Ford Farm, Drewsteignton. The councillors decided no reply was needed. Clerk to contact the case officer to explain the situation.

Armed Forces Day information – circulation pack

Free parking throughout WDBC car parks during Queens Jubilee Weekend – circulation pack

Agenda letters

Police update on speeding issues; The Police have been active in Crockernwell, and a report requested by the Clerk, but not yet received.

The new Community notice-board has been installed at Castle Drogo visitor reception area. An opportunity to display the Parish Post to visiting public. Action Clerk.

The Parish Post has a new editor; John Shiels.

Dog waste bins; the need for bins has again been raised, and enquiries to made regarding the cost of emptying.

Local groups have offered to help fund the installation. Clerk to contact WDBC.

Possible diversion of Byway Open to All Traffic (BOAT) Clerk to contact Devon County Council to obtain an outline of the procedure.

046/12 Annual Parish Meeting – the date of Tuesday 1 May (at 7.30 pm) has been booked at Whiddon Down.

And a guest speaker about solar energy arranged. Clerk to arrange refreshments. Cllr Gosnay to help the Clerk set up hall on the day.

047/12 Queen's Jubilee Celebrations – The commemorative map has just been completed by the artist. The Clerk and Cllr Walker to meet the artist for hand-over. The unveiling will be at the Annual Parish Meeting, and the Parochial Church Council will discuss the possibility of hanging the original in the Church at their AGM this week.

048/12 Delegates Reports – none

049/12 Comments on information circulated – none

050/12 Future agenda items – prayers at meetings, travellers site update, draft agenda to be sent out early to prompt councillors for further agenda items.

051/12 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 21 May 2012 at 7.30pm at Whiddon Down

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.24pm.